

NEWS

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Student concerned over investigator's remarks

by Karen Burgess

One of the students involved in the alleged discrimination/plagiarism cases reported earlier this year has approached *The Brunswickan* saying that he/she "feel(s) compelled to reply to Dan Coleman's statements regarding the issue of discrimination in the Faculty of Administration printed in *The Brunswickan* last week."

On September 25, 1992 *The Brunswickan* first reported on the case, which involved several international students who charged a Business Administration professor with "Attitudinal Inconsistency and Bias." A later development in the case saw the students charged with plagiarism.

In last week's issue, Dan Coleman, Associate Dean of the Business Administration Faculty, made a public response to the handling of the issue in *The Brunswickan's* original article. The September 25 article quoted Coleman's report on his investigation into the discrimination charges, but contained no statement from Coleman as he had been advised by a University official involved in the investigation that he should not comment.

The student involved cites several areas of contention present in Coleman's response.

The student says Coleman's claim that he was present at the time the plagiarism charges were laid because bias was also to be discussed is "not tenable." This procedure, having the department head or acting dean present at the time of charging, is different than that outlined in the UNB Undergraduate Calendar.

The student contends that the Director of Graduate Studies had scheduled a meeting for those involved on July 15 to discuss discrimination, but that the charges of plagiarism, laid on July 2, were done in an emergency meeting of which the students had no prior knowledge. The student also stressed that bias was never discussed at this meeting.

Coleman explains that the discussion on the discrimination charges was not held at this point

because the professor involved requested that his union representative be present for all discussions concerning the bias charge.

Coleman continues "I wanted to go with a much more informal process of having a relatively neutral mediator - me, the professor, the students. [The professor] asked for a union representative."

Coleman also contends that as he was investigating the complaint of bias, he made a point of not seeing the information or evidence regarding plagiarism as the issues were to be treated separately.

The student points out that Coleman was present at the time of charging, and, in the student's opinion, must have seen the material concerned in the charges.

The student also disputes Coleman's statement from last week's *Brunswickan* in which he says the professor contends that "he had suspicions about the plagiarism before he submitted the marks. And he told the students this before they charged bias."

The student says "the statement that [the professor involved] told the minority students before the charge of discrimination is a blatant lie intended to cover up the truth."

Coleman says that the "inaccuracy" that occurred in his statement as quoted in last week's *Brunswickan* was that it made it appear that the professor told the students about the plagiarism. The misunderstanding, as Coleman sees it, is that the professor raised the problem of the sources contained in the students' work but never actually said the "p" word.

He says this may have arisen because he "mis-spoke during our interview" (before last week's article), or it was a question of "the wrong snippet out of context" being integrated into the article.

The student contends that the professor never raised any concerns regarding source material in the group papers involved in the original plagiarism charges. The student says further that the professor never mentioned any problems

regarding the assignment in the presence of the students.

The third issue the student wished to address was the decision of the Student Standings and Promotions Committee. The student says that Coleman was not happy with the decision of the Committee which "at this point in time was due to the fact that the circumstances surrounding the decision were very much unusual."

The student continues "Dan Coleman wrote a letter to faculty council and asked [them] to vote on the appeal which had been sent to the Committee to have us severely punished."

Coleman says that at the Faculty council's regularly scheduled meeting, held the day the *Brunswickan's* original article was published, he felt "obliged to give a response to the faculty."

He told the faculty that he and the dean had discussed the Committee's finding and were not in agreement with them. He says the Committee found the students guilty of plagiarism on a group paper but because individual responsibility was so hard to determine the students were asked to hand in individual papers with a maximum mark of "C".

In most cases of plagiarism, students may rewrite but will only be able to receive an "F" for the assignment.

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Kevin G. Porter Photo

"Ready! Set! Drink -- Responsibly!"

This was the encouragement heard on Tuesday, October 20th at McConnell Hall.

As part of Alcohol Awareness F.R.E.A.K. Week, SMART PACC held a milk chugging contest at UNB. SMART PACC officials comment that "Mooch fun was had by all and there was great screaming and hollering over spilt milk."

The contest hosted competitors from Jones, Neill, Neville, Aitken, Harrison, MacKenzie, and Bridges Houses.

Winners of the milk chugging contest were as follows: The Udder Disasters of Neill, first place; The Lactators of Jones, second place; The Milk-Chuggin Sons of B---- of Neville, third place; and the MacKenzie Milkmen, fourth place. The Holy Holsteins of Neill won the prize for best team name.

SMART PACC would like to thank Baxter Foods Ltd., Beaver Foods Ltd. (especially the McConnell Hall staff), Rick Calbertson of Bar Services, the Student Union, Andrew Fuller, S.U. VP Activities, the N.B. Milk Marketing Board - Milk Maritime and Ruth Duplessis of the Athletics department for their generous contributions.



Shown are Trade Week organizers Dr. Norm Schaefer, Patricia Lee, and Dr. Auleen Carson. A highlight of the week was its international luncheon. Marc Landry photo

Crime of the Week



On the morning of Friday the 9th of October, 1992, between 2:30 am and 7:00 am persons unknown removed a rope that was being used to cordon off the SUB patio. The rope was about 200 yards long and approximately one inch thick. It was a hemp rope, beige in colour and would be costly to replace.

During the last three months the glass which encloses the UNB map across from the Services Building on Kings College Road has been vandalized. These incidents

happened around the 31st of August, 28th of September and again the 5th of October.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for the above crimes. If you have information about this or about any other crime in New Brunswick, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222 (TIPS) 8477. We want your information not your name. If your tip leads to an arrest Crime Stoppers guarantees a cash reward.

"Taste of the World" at UNB

by Jonathan Stone

Where in Fredericton could you eat foods from six different nations all in one sitting?

At the "Taste of the World" luncheon, in conjunction with Trade Week 1992, hosted by the Centre for International Marketing and Entrepreneurship last Wednesday in the SUB Blue Lounge.

The menu consisted of African vegetable stew called Kontomire, Chicken Dhansak from India, French Mushroom Quiche, Chinese Spring Rolls, Spanish Black Bean Rice, and for dessert,

Lemon Cream from Denmark.

"Some of the food items were recommended by the international students and Dr. (Auleen) Carson," said a jubilant Patricia Lee, the event organizer.

Doctor Norm Schaefer, the director of the International Marketing Centre, said, "the event was held to get our students excited about the various aspects of the different cultures, and get them prepared so that they don't feel threatened and so they'll enjoy it."

He feels that the food will help get students acquainted with the multicultural dimensions of the

world, one that they will have to operate and live in.

"I think the food is excellent. For people who like variety as I do it's excellent. Particularly the spring rolls," he commented.

This year marks the second year of the Trade Week, but only the first time for the international food luncheon.

Lee concluded, "The feedback from the students about the whole event is fantastic. I hope that many more of these type of international events will be organized in the future."

She said that approximately 250 students took part.